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SUBJECT: PROTEST RE PRIME MINISTER'S VIETNAM STATEMENT

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1. FOLLOWING INSTRUCTIONS I TODAY LODGED A STRONG PERSONAL PROTEST WITH PRIME MINISTER JORGENSEN FOR HIS REMARKS TO THE PRESS ON THE FALL OF THE SOUTH VIETNAMESE GOVERNMENT. EIGIL JORGENSEN, THE PERMANENT UNDER SECRETARY OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS, WAS ALSO AT THIS MEETING.

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2. I TOLD THEM BOTH THAT MY GOVERNMENT WAS SHOCKED BY

THE PRIME MINISTER'S STATEMENTS WHICH WE CONSIDER BOTH UNTRUE AND ILL TIMED.

3. I SAID WE COULD NOT UNDERSTAND HOW AN ANCIENT ALLY COULD ATTACK US IN THIS MANNER AT THE TIME WHEN OUR COSTLY EFFORT TO SAVE A SMALL COUNTRY FROM COMMUNISM HAD FAILED.

4. THE PRIME MINISTER APPEARED GENUINELY SHAKEN BY MY WORDS AND, THE MINUTE I FINISHED, LAUNCHED INTO A SPEECH IN DANISH WHICH WAS TRANSLATED FOR ME BY JORGENSEN. HE SAID THAT HE WAS WELL AWARE THAT THE REASONS BEHIND OUR INTERVENTION IN VIETNAM WERE BASED ON AN UNSELFISH DESIRE TO HELP AND THAT OUR LOSSES IN MEN AND MONEY HAD BEEN ENORMOUS.

5. HE ALSO SAID THAT HE ADMIRERD OUR EFFORTS TO REACH DETENTE WITH THE RUSSIANS AND CHINESE, BUT THAT HE FELT IT NECESSARY TO EXPRESS HIS DISAGREEMENT WITH SOME OF OUR POLICIES.

6. I REPLIED THAT HE CERTAINLY HAS EVERY RIGHT TO HIS OPINIONS BUT WE OBJECT STRONGLY TO THEM WHEN THEY ARE AS ONE SIDED AND ACCUSING AS THOSE IN HIS STATEMENT TO THE PRESS.

7. HE ENDED THE TALK BY SAYING THAT HE HAS COMPLETE FAITH IN THE USA AS A NATO ALLY AND THAT HE HAD SAID SO IN A DEBATE IN THE PARLIAMENT THIS AFTERNOON. HE THEN HANDED ME A TRANSLATION OF HIS WORDS THERE IN WHICH HE SOFT PEDDLED AND REDEFINED HIS INITIAL PUBLIC STATEMENT. (SEE SEPTTEL).

COMMENT: I BELIEVE THAT THE PRIME MINISTER WAS UNDER STRONG PRESSURE FROM HIS FOREIGN MINISTER AS WELL AS THE PERMANENT FOREIGN OFFICE STAFF TO MAKE AMENDS. I FELT HE DID HIS BEST TO DO SO IN HIS TALK WITH ME AND THAT THE INCIDENT HAS CONVINCED HIM THAT IN THE FUTURE HE MUST BE MORE CAREFUL OF VOICING SUCH CIRITICAL OPINIONS TO THE PRESS.
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